(d) if so, what steps have been initiated to remove the anomaly;

(e) whether a post of Joint Commissioner has been circulated recently before removing the anomaly and despite setting up of a Review Committe for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A copy of the recruitment rules indicating the qualification, experience, etc. required for the posts of Joint Commissioner (Administration) and Joint Commissioner (Academic) is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 49].

There is no proposal at present to amend these rules.

(e) and (f) The post of Joint Commissioner (Academic) has been circulated as per recruitment rules. The Government/Kendriya Vidyalayas do not perceive the necessity of deferring recruitment to various available posts pending reports of the Review Committee.

Technique for Manufacture of Artificial Joints

1539. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new technique for joint replacement which obviates the use of bone cement and ensures that the artificial joint remains trouble-free life-long, evolved by a West German Orthopaedic Surgeon, has been adopted by, and being used in, any hospital or Medical Institute in Delhi or in any other city of India; if so, the names thereof;

(b) whether "Abrasion arthroplasty" another new technique by which degenerative bone tissue is removed with the aid of arthroscope and new tissue allowed to grow back, is in use in any institute in Delhi or in any other city in India; if so, the names thereof; and

(c) whether Government in view of a large number of patients requiring such treatment propose to make available all necessary facilities in this field of orthopaedic surgery to appropriate institutions in Delhi and other cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) New technique for joint replacement which obviates the use for bone cement and ensures that the artificial joint remains trouble free life long is available in the Central Institute of Orthopaedics in the Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi.

(b) The arthroscope required for "Abrasion arthroplasty" is under procurement by the Central Institute of Orthopaedics in Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi and the facilities for the treatment would be available on the arrival/installation of the equipment in the Hospital.

(c) There is no proposal at present with the Government to extend this facilities to all institutions in Delhi and other cities.

Norms fixed for Demurrage Charges to Major Ports

1540. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms fixed by Government for major ports as regards demurrage charges and charges for various services rendered by a major port;

(b) whether it is a fact that every major port is required to seek prior approval of Government for levying the rate of demurrage and other services;

(c) whether it is also a fact that major ports can impose the charges only after the sanction of Central Govrnment is received and published in the official gazette of Government;

(d) whether it is necessary for a major port to specify the areas where they can render the services and levy the charges for the same;

(e) whether Central Government's prior permission is necessary for notifying the areas; and that such area can be notified only after the permission of Government and its publication in the gazette; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the area mentioned in part (d) above has to be within the scope of Section 48 of Major Port Trust Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Demurrage charges and charges for various services rendered by major ports under Sections 48 to 51 of the Major Port Trust Act, 1963 are notified by the Major Port Trusts in the Official Gazette. The basis and norms are specified in the relevant notifications.

(b) and (c) Prior approval of Central Government is necessary for demurrage and other charges leviable under sections 48 to 51 of Major Port Trusts Act, 1963. These charges come into force after they are published in the Official Gazette.

(d) A major port trust renders a variety of services and whether the areas where they can render services should be specified or not needs examination on a case to case basis.

(e) It is not obligatory to obtain Central Government's permission for notifying the areas.

(f) No, Sir.

Fare Table of Buses

1541. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what is the fare table, stage-wise; number of buses plying; their frequency and the time of the first and last trip of the all new routes which are inroduced between August, 1987 to till now alongwith the route numbers 249, 333, 374, 616, 702, 888, 916, 999 and Laghu Mudrika plying under Delhi Transport Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): A statement is annexed [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 50].

Introduction of New Bus Routes

1542. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is introducing new bus-routes rapidly now-a-days under D.T.C. for the benefits to the commuters; and

(b) if so, whether Government explore the possibiilty in introducing one more new bus-route between Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Terminal and Nand Nagri for the benefit for the commuters of the locality of Nand Nagri, Dilshad Garden, Shahdara; Krishna Nagar, Shakarpur, Chirag Delhi, Madangir, Pushp Vihar and Khanpur; if so, what are the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) On the basis of transport demands and the surveys conducted and availability of vehicles, new routes are introduced by D.T.C. from time to time.

(b) Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Terminal is already connected with Central Secretariat by the services of Route